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In re Application of
Sterns, et al. :
Application No. 09/663,329 : DECISION ON
Filed: September 18, 2000 : PETITION
Attorney Docket No. CRT/11842 :

This is in response to the petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment, filed May 20, 2005, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.181. The petition was recently forwarded to the Office of Petitions for consideration.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.181 is GRANTED.

The holding of abandonment is WITHDRAWN.

The above-identified application was held abandoned for failure to timely file a reply to the non-final Office action mailed September 10, 2004. No extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. No response having been received, the above identified application became abandoned on December 11, 2004. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on May 12, 2005.

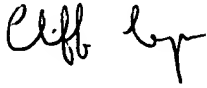
Petitioner has supplied a copy of an Amendment, bearing a Certificate of Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8 dated December 10, 2004.

In view of the above, the holding of abandonment is withdrawn.

Given the basis for granting this petition, no petition fee was required.

The application file is being forwarded to Group Art Unit 3714 for consideration of the Amendment filed December 14, 2004 (Certificate of Mailing dated December 10, 2004), a copy of which has been re-supplied with the instant petition.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-3207.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cliff Congo".

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